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IN PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled: VISUAL THESAURUS, the specification of which was filed on December 31, 1998 as Application Serial No. 09/224,009;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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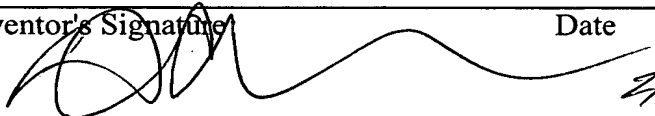
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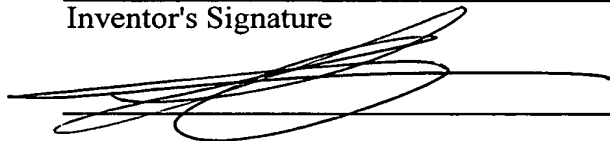
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